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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FONMIN'S NOVEMBER VISIT TO

EGYPT: JOINT COMMISSION PROPOSED

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27, JAPANESE EMBOFF INFORMED US THAT JAPANESE FONMIN OHIRA PLANNING TO STOP IN EGYPT NOV 7-9 ON VISIT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ZAIRE AND GHANA ON ITINERARY. EMBOFF SAID THAT IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF OHIRA'S VISIT, EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY INFORMED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT GOE WOULD LIKE TO SEE FORMATION OFF JAPANESE/EGYPTIAN JOINT COMMISSION, ALONG US/EGYPTIAN MODEL.

2. JAPANESE EMBOFF, WHO HAD APPROACHED US FOR INFORMATION ON OPERATION OF US/EGYPTIAN COMMISSION AND WORKING GROUPS, SAID THAT GOJ WOULD PROBABLY NOT LEAP AT PROSPECT OF FORMING A JOINT COMMISSION, SINCE THE GOJ WAS ENGAGED IN TOO MANY MINISTERIAL LEVEL COMMISSIONS IN ANY CASE. HE LEFT IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT REAL REASON WAS HIS AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT COMMISSION PROPOSAL WAS NEW EGYPTIAN DEVICE TO SQUEEZE MORE CAPITAL OUT OF JAPAN.

3. REPLYING TO QUESTION ABOUT PURPOSE OF OHIRA

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VISIT, JAPANESE EMBOFF SAID THAT IT WAS ONLY TO

"DEEPEN AND BROADEN" EGYPTIAN/JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP.
HE ADDED THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD PROBABLY EXPECT MORE
CONCRETE SIGNS OF JAPANESE AFFECTION FOR THEIR COUNTRY,
HOWEVER.

4. AS A SEPARATE MATTER, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TELLS
US PRESIDENT SADAT HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING
JAPAN AT CONCLUSION HIS TRIP TO US. AMBASSADOR ASKED
WHEN VISIT TO US EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE. WE
ADVISED HIM DATE HAS YET TO BE DECIDED.
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